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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO for Special Programs

THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments on the Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence Draft Report on NIE
11-3/8-76 and the B Team Effort

1. As we noted in our earlier comments on the SSCI draft report (attachment), the Senate report presents a generally accurate summary of judgments contained in the NIE 11-3/8-76 and associated B Team papers. We are in essential agreement with the points made in your draft response for Senator Stevenson from the DCI.

2. We would note again, however, that the Senate report implies that NIE 11-3/8-76 is inaccurate, unsophisticated, and impassioned; yet it cites no examples to support these criticisms. While the second attachment to the letter does point out the fact that the criticisms of the estimate are unsubstantiated, there is scant mention of this in the letter itself. We would suggest bolstering the points made in the closing portions of the penultimate paragraph of the letter.

3. We have a few minor suggestions to make on the commentaries to be attached to the letter to Senator Stevenson and propose--given the short deadline on this assignment--that discuss these directly with this afternoon.

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4. We do have one revision to suggest on the letter itself. The first sentence of paragraph four would be clarified if it read "I also agree with the report's finding that it would have been desirable if in recent years a NIE had been issued annually...".



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Attachment
As Stated

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